

to carry on the legacy of Mr. L.C. Leach, Sr. He transcended this life on earth on April 28, 2008.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. L.C. Leach, Sr. for his dedication and service as a civil rights advocate and pioneer during the civil rights movement.

RECOGNIZING THE PARTICIPATION
OF THE HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND IN THE 2013
PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL PA-
RADE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Herndon High School Marching Band for being selected to participate in the 2013 Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade and for receiving Grand Champion honors in recognition of their outstanding performance.

Known as "The Pride of Herndon," the Herndon High School Band is the oldest established high school band in Fairfax County and has been a part of Northern Virginia since 1947. Since its founding, the band program at Herndon High School has grown from that original group of fifteen musicians to more than 200 instrumentalists comprising the following ensembles: Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Jazz Band, all currently under the direction of Ms. Kathleen Jacoby.

The National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day was established by an Act of Congress on August 23, 1994 to commemorate the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. The Pearl Harbor Memorial Day Parade, which began in 2011, honors the survivors, veterans, active duty military and their families, and most especially the more than 2,400 members of U.S. Armed Services who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Each year, one high school band from each state that bears the same name as an American battleship or other vessel that was attacked at Pearl Harbor is invited to participate in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade. This year, The Herndon High School Marching Band was chosen to represent Virginia. While in Hawaii, the Pride of Herndon toured the USS Arizona Memorial, performed in front of the USS Missouri, met with World War II Veterans who survived the Pearl Harbor attack and served as Virginia's official "ambassador" to the parade. Following the parade, a three-judge panel designated the band as Grand Champions for the quality and appropriateness of its performance.

The band's participation in this event would not have been possible without support of the Herndon High School Band Parents Association and the Herndon High School community, including the Herndon Rotary which raised more than \$15,000 to help fund the cost of the trip.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Principal William Bates, Band Director Kathleen Jacoby, and the Herndon High School Marching Band on this tremendous achievement and in commending them for their roles in honoring and paying tribute to our Greatest Generation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 23 I voted "yea," I wanted to vote "nay."

HONORING DIANNE J. TAYLOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dianne J. Taylor, an employee of the Mississippi Department of Human Services for over twenty years.

The opportunity to become a civil servant of any branch of the government is a great privilege to be able to serve the American people. Dianne graduated from Troy State University in 1993 with her B.S. Degree in Resource Management and shortly afterwards she began her career with the Mississippi Department of Human Services in that same year.

In an effort to build upon her academic training and hands on learning within the agency, Dianne returned to school and received her MBA from Delta State University in 2004.

During this entire time, she maintained her employment as a case manager in Tallahatchie County where she administers the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. This program is designed to help single parents become self-sufficient so that they can transition off of public assistance.

Dianne has all intentions of retiring as a civil servant employee, realizing the opportunity given to her twenty years ago has been not only more than a privilege but rewarding by allowing her to help others in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Dianne J. Taylor for her longevity and dedication to helping others as an employee of the Mississippi Department of Health and Human Services.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2014 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2014 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) implemented the Human Rights Ordinance January 15, 1993, formally establishing the Human Rights Commission. Two years prior, the BOCS formed the Human Rights Study Committee to explore the needs of a community that was growing in population and diversity. An exhaustive effort that included numerous committee meetings and

public hearings identified a strong community desire for a human rights ordinance and an agency to enforce it. The Human Rights Ordinance prohibits discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability, as well as in the consideration of employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and credit, in Prince William County.

The BOCS approved the ordinance in September 1992 to ensure that "each citizen is treated fairly, provided equal protection of the law, and equal opportunity to participate in the benefits, rights, and privileges of community life." Residents enlist the services of the commission if they feel their rights have been violated in the areas of employment, fair housing, credit, education and public accommodation.

In celebration of Universal Human Rights Day, the Human Rights Commission recognizes individuals and organizations that promote the principles of human rights in Prince William County. It is my honor to enter into the Congressional Record the recipients of the 2014 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards:

Vicky Castro
Father Gerry Creedon
Doreen Dauer
Cydney A. Neville
Sam Sanders

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the 2014 Prince William County Human Rights Commission Awards. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to these honorees for their efforts to safeguard our most basic rights and remind us of our common humanity. Let us use their example to rededicate ourselves to the fight against inequity and injustice.

IN HONOR OF THE LONE STAR
FLAG'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor the "The Lone Star Flag" of Texas. 175 years ago, Texas' Red, White and Blue banner was adopted as the flag of the Republic of Texas. The blue stands for loyalty. The white stands for purity. The red stands for the courage with which Texans have been blessed.

One-third of our flag is blue with a single centered white, five-pointed star. The remaining two-thirds of the flag are horizontal white and red bars. It's an image known the world over.

When Texas became our nation's 28th state, Texas' national flag became our state flag. Our state pledge starts with "Honor the Texas flag."

Dr. Charles Stewart lived in Montgomery, Texas when he led a committee appointed by Mirabeau Lamar tasked with designing our flag. You can see how he envisioned Texas' flag at the Nat Hart Davis Museum on Liberty Street in Montgomery. Our county, and this community's Lone Star Flag ties, are second to none.

In 1997, the Texas Legislature honored Montgomery County, Texas as the birthplace of the Texas Lone Star Flag. Our community is so proud of this honor.